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SUBJECT: ACT FOR PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST
INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS (H.R. 15552) AND INTER-
NATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT

REFS: (A) DOHA 1070, (B) STATE 256207

1. REF A REQUESTED 1974 CABLE CITED IN REF B TO BE REPEATED.

STATE 211125, SEPTEMBER 25, 1974 IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: NEAR TRAGEDY AT THE HAGUE AND SUBSEQUENT REPORTED
HANDOVER OF JAPANESE RED ARMY TERRORISTS INTO THE "CUSTODY"
OF PLO IN DAMASCUS UNDERLINES NECESSITY OF POSITIVE INTER-
NATIONAL RESPONSES IN DEALING WITH ACTS OF TERROR. THE
CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
BY LAST UNGA IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF SUCH A RESPONSE.

QUOTE: IN ADDITION TO U.S. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNED:

DENMARK, ICELAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN, TUNISIA, GDR, POLAND,
USSR (PLUS BYELORUSSIA AND UKRAINE, CANADA, BULGARIA,
MONGOLIA AND FRG. BULGARIA IS ONLY COUNTRY THUS FAR TO
HAVE RATIFIED. U.S. RATIFICATION IS PENDING RESOLUTION OF

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PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH IMPLEMENTING U.S. LEGISLATION.

QUOTE: ADDRESSEES IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE, ARE REQUESTED AT THEIR DISCRETION CONSIDER FEASIBILITY APPROACHING HOST GOVERNMENTS TO ENCOURAGE HOST GOVERNMENTS SIGNING THE CONVENTION. CIRCUMSTANCES OBVIOUSLY DIFFER IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES, BUT BASIC THEME OF APPEAL MIGHT BE THAT HAGUE INCIDENT POINTS UP THAT NO DIPLOMAT NOR DIPLOMATIC MISSION IS IMMUNE FROM THREAT OF TERRORISM. CIVILIZED NATIONS SHOULD UNITE IN MEETING THIS THREAT. SIGNING THE CONVENTION IS A MEANS FOR HOST COUNTRY TO JOIN IN THIS VITAL EFFORT SINCE THE CONVENTION RECEIVED UNANIMOUS UNGA APPROVAL.

QUOTE: ADDRESSEES IN COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ALREADY SIGNED SHOULD CONSIDER PROPRIETY OF URGING HOST GOVERNMENT TO JOIN US IN THIS APPEAL TO GAIN ADDITIONAL SIGNATORIES. MOREOVER, WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE SIGNATORIES TO EXPEDITE RATIFICATION AS THE CONVENTION REQUIRES 22 RATIFICATIONS OR ACCESSIONS FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE. END OF QUOTE.

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